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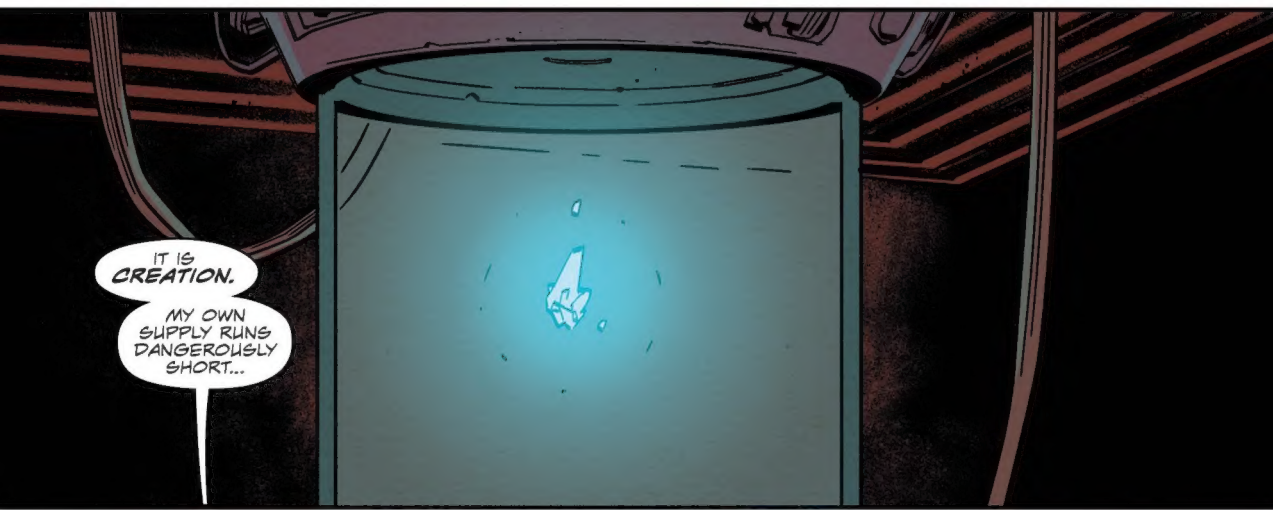


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IS NOT THE ONLY
ONE WHO NEEDS
ENERGON.



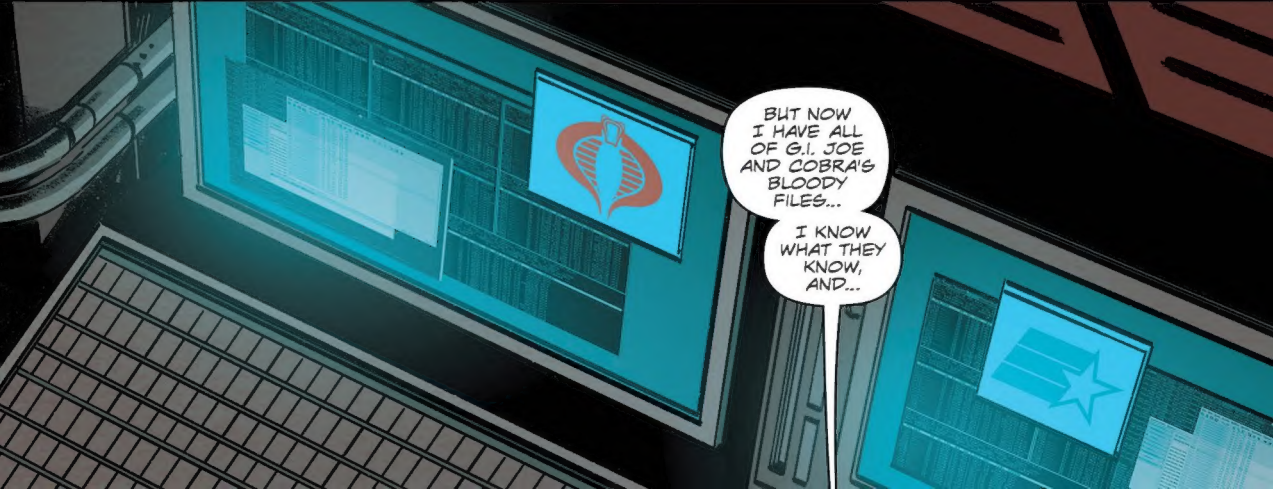
MY RUSE
NEEDS IT.
AND I HATE TO
ADMIT IT...MY
LIFE DEPENDS
ON IT.

ENERGON
IS MORE THAN
JUST A SILLY
POWER SOURCE
OR A
WEAPON.



IT IS
CREATION.

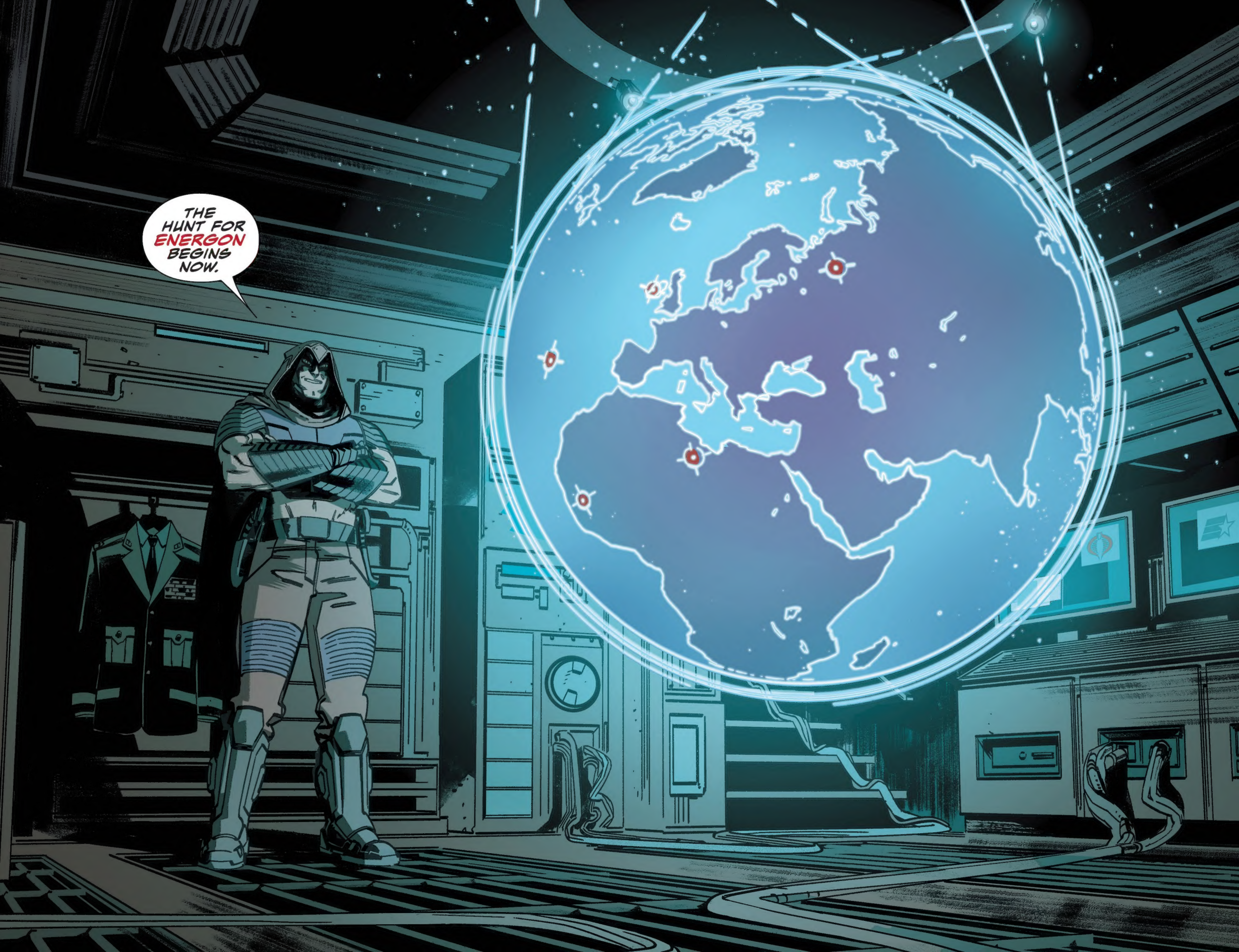
MY OWN
SUPPLY RUNS
DANGEROUSLY
SHORT...



BUT NOW
I HAVE ALL
OF G.I. JOE
AND COBRA'S
BLOODY
FILES...

I KNOW
WHAT THEY
KNOW,
AND...

THE
HUNT FOR
ENERGON
BEGINS
NOW.





TALK,
ROBOT.

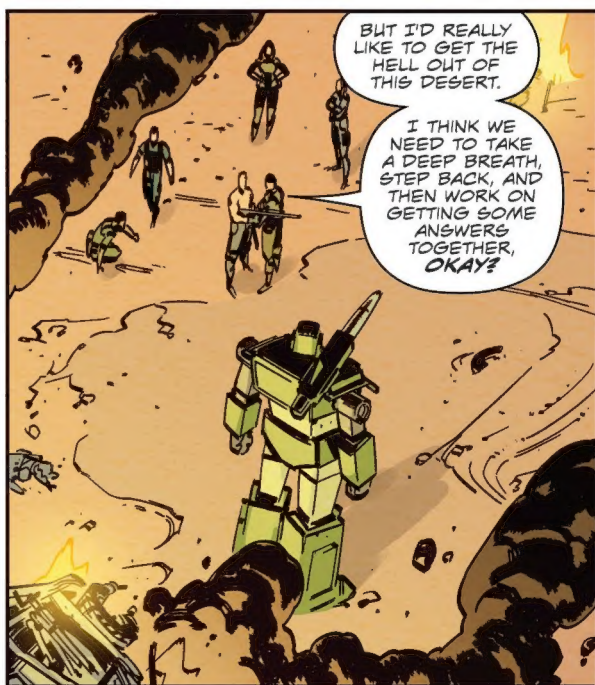
NOW.

OR I WILL
BLAST YOU
OFF THE
FACE OF THE
EARTH.



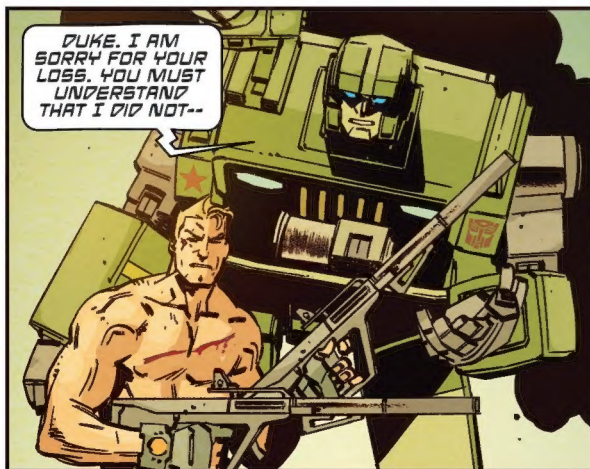
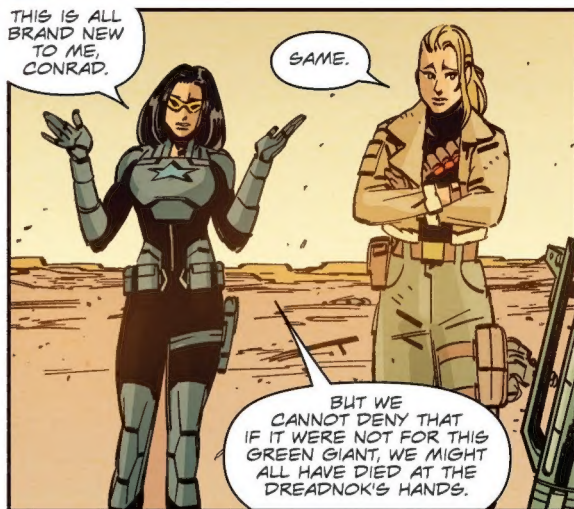
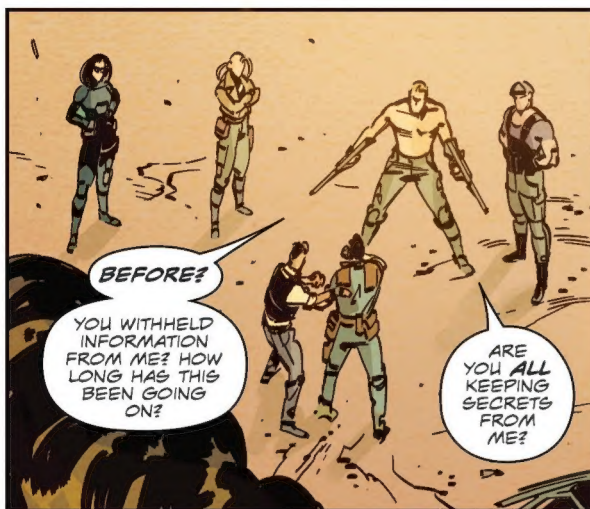
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AT EASE,
SOLDIER!

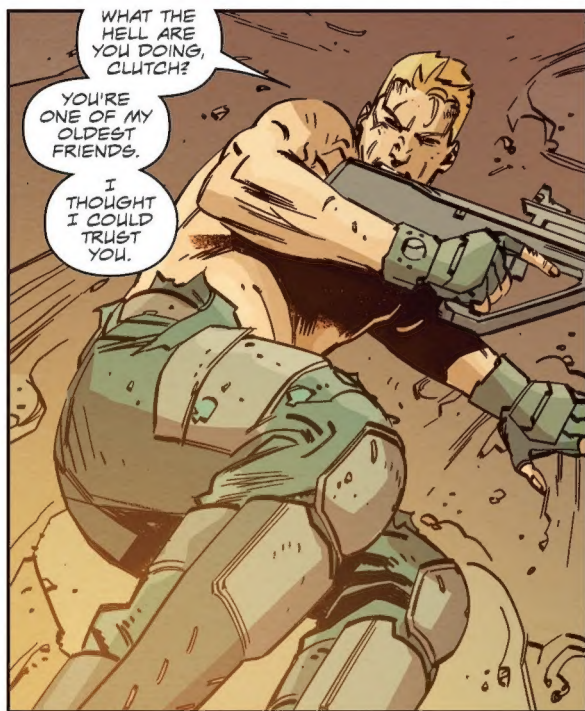
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FAN OF THESE
BIG ROBOTS,
AND I HATE
SURPRISES...

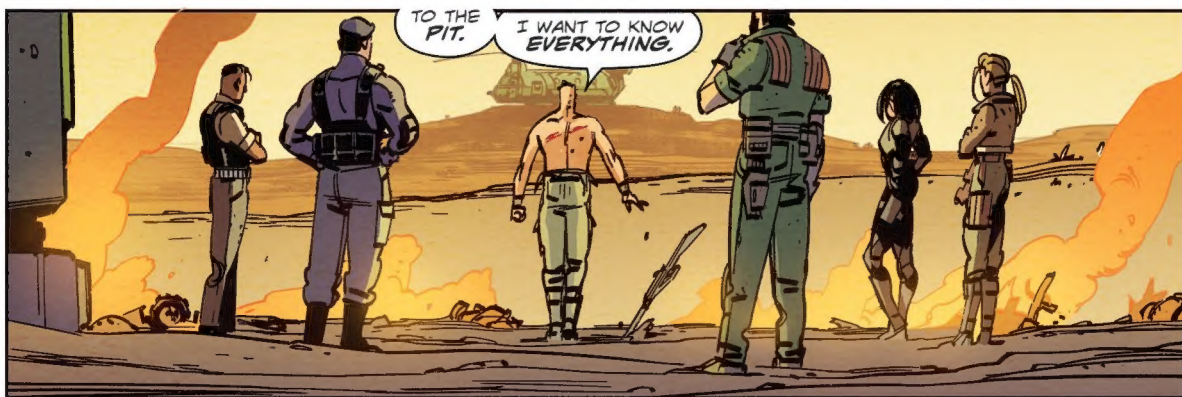
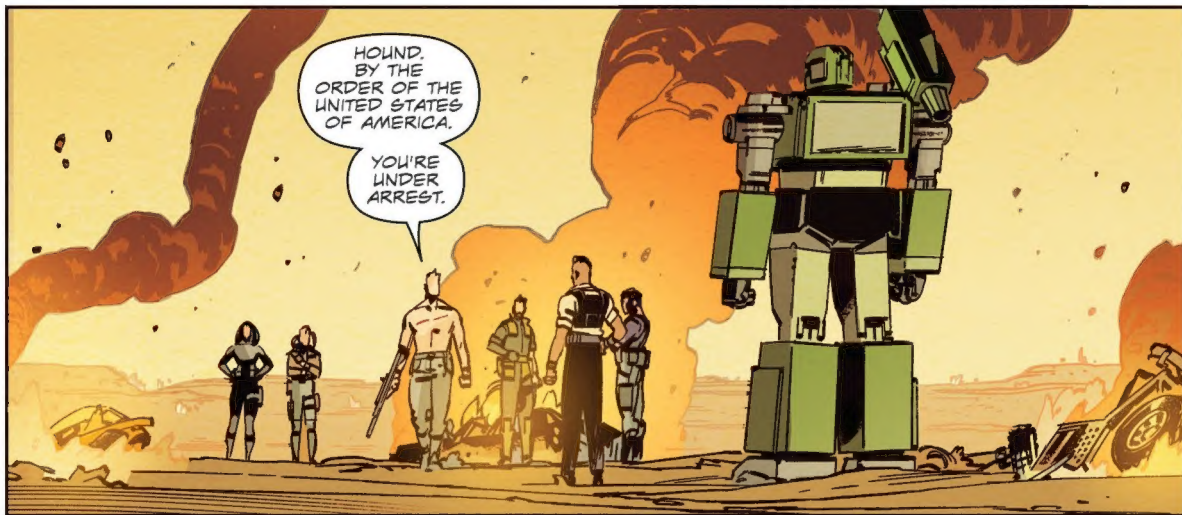


BUT I'D REALLY
LIKE TO GET THE
HELL OUT OF
THIS DESERT.

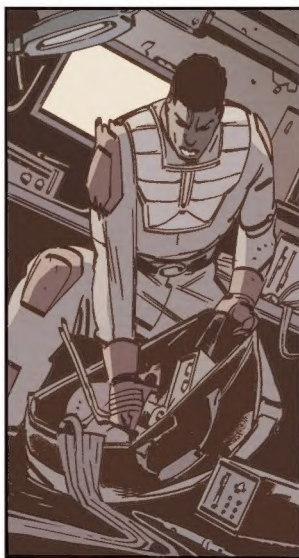
I THINK WE
NEED TO TAKE
A DEEP BREATH,
STEP BACK, AND
THEN WORK ON
GETTING SOME
ANSWERS
TOGETHER,
OKAY?

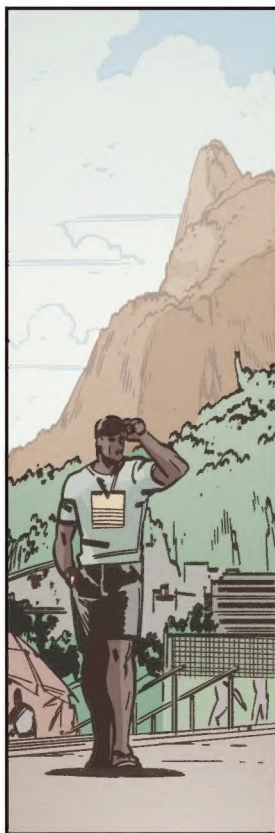
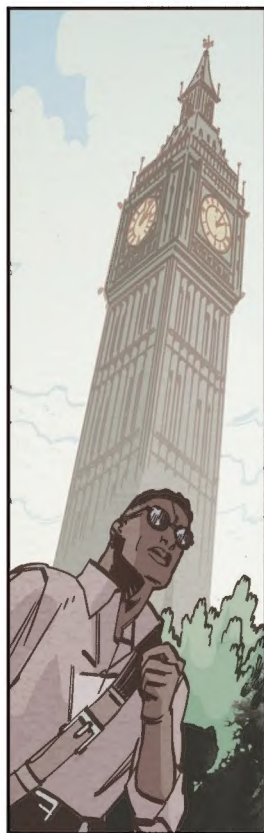




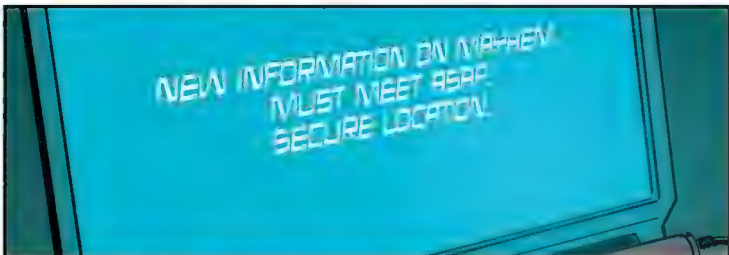
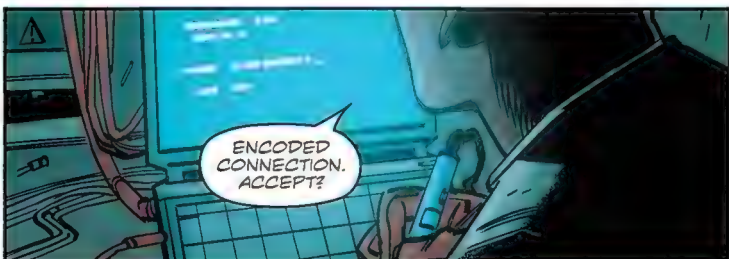
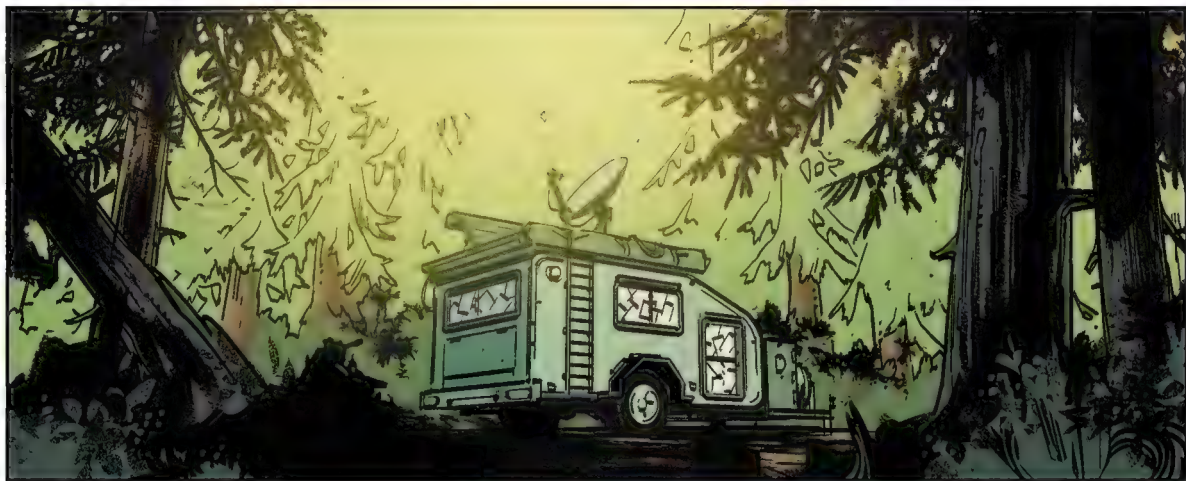


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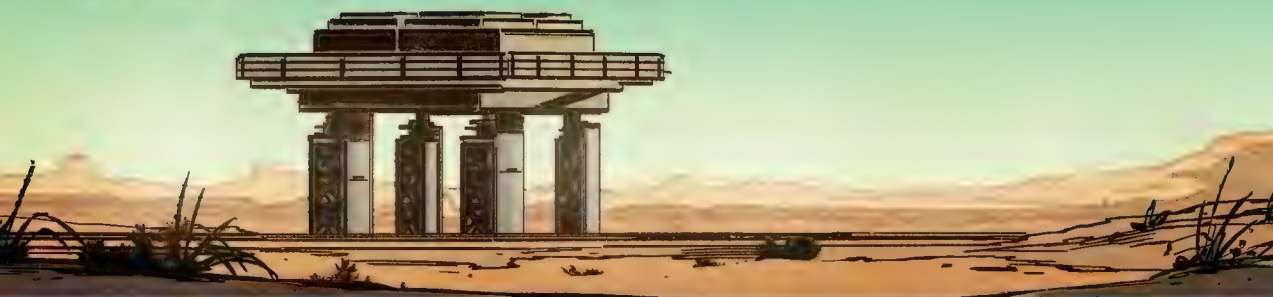




TODAY.



**LOCATION: THE PIT.
G.I. JOE HEADQUARTERS.**





IT'S
IMPORTANT
THAT WE
KEEP OUR
TEAM
SMALL.

ONLY TO
THOSE THAT
WE CAN
TRUST.

BUT DON'T
GET TOO
COMFORTABLE.
YOU HAVE
A NEW
MISSION.



EXCUSE
ME? WE
LITERALLY
JUST GOT
BACK.

WE DID THAT RECON
MISSION IN CHICAGO, AND
THEN WE WENT TO WAR
WITH THE DREADNOKS.
THAT'S TWO MISSIONS
IN A ROW.

YOU KNOW
I NEVER TURN
DOWN AN
OPPORTUNITY TO
KICK ASS, BUT
WE GOTTA HEAL
FIRST, SIR.



DOES THE
WORLD'S SAFETY
WAIT FOR YOU,
RISK?

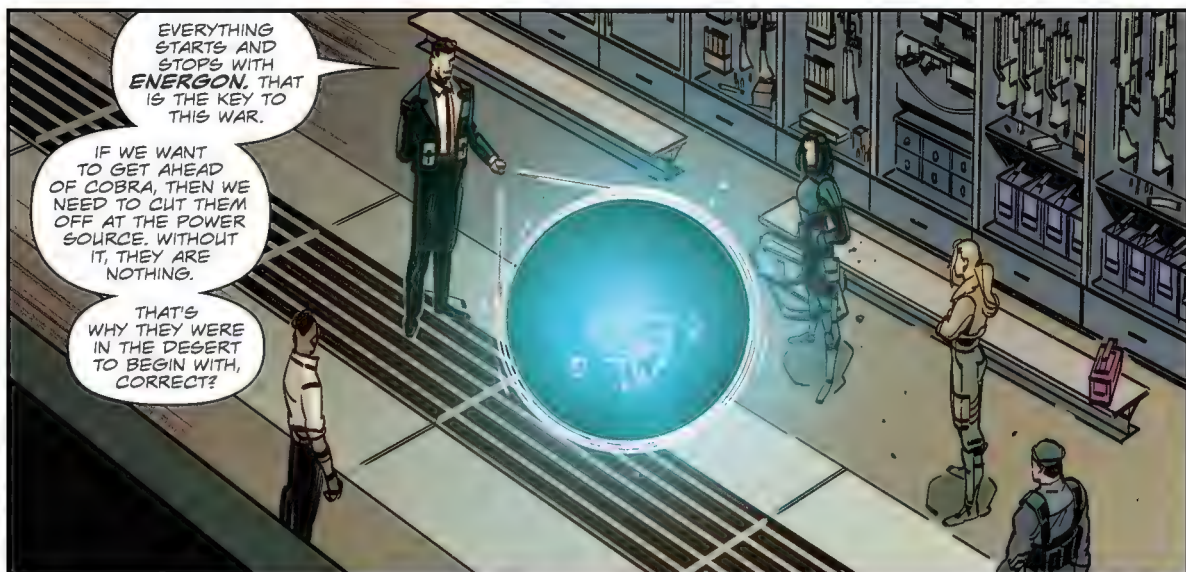
DO YOU
THINK COBRA
TAKES A DAY
OFF?

NO,
COLONEL
HAWK,
SIR.



I
DIDN'T
THINK
SO.

NOW
LISTEN UP,
JOES.



EVERYTHING STARTS AND STOPS WITH **ENERGON**. THAT IS THE KEY TO THIS WAR.

IF WE WANT TO GET AHEAD OF COBRA, THEN WE NEED TO CUT THEM OFF AT THE POWER SOURCE. WITHOUT IT, THEY ARE NOTHING.

THAT'S WHY THEY WERE IN THE DESERT TO BEGIN WITH, CORRECT?



I'M SPLITTING EVERYONE INTO SMALLER TEAMS.

STARTING WITH BARONESS, STALKER, AND RISK.

WE'VE HAD SOME UNUSUAL REPORTS IN THE COUNTRY OF **BADHIKISTAN**. IT'S WAR-TORN AND MOSTLY ABANDONED, BUT THERE ARE SCANS OF **ENERGON** USE IN THAT REGION.



COVER GIRL, YOU WILL BE CONNECTING WITH HARLAN W. MOORE, A.K.A. SNOW JOB.

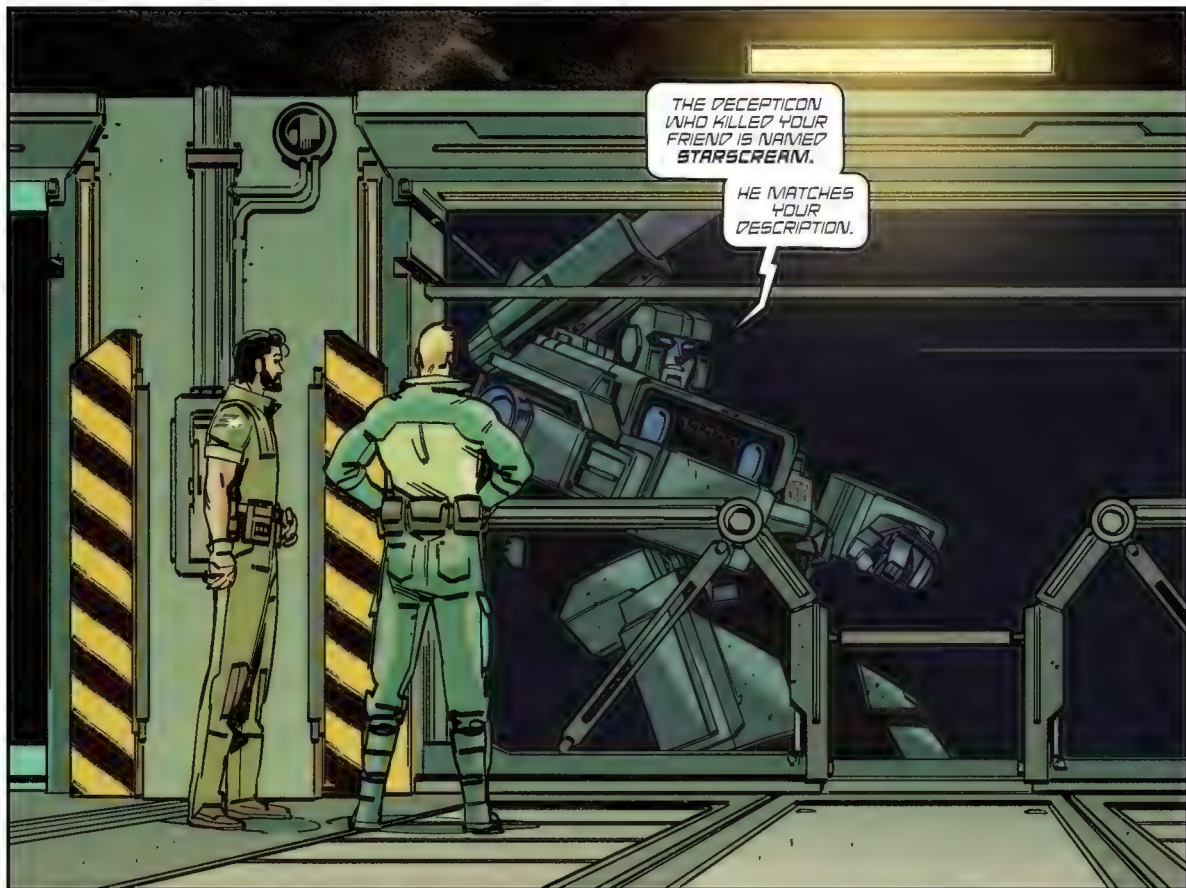
HE'S LOST EYES ON AN UNDERCOVER AGENT THAT MIGHT HAVE INFO WE NEED.



AND THEN FOR DUKE AND CLUTCH... HOLD ON...



WHERE THE HELL ARE **DUKE AND CLUTCH**?



THE DECEPTICON WHO KILLED YOUR FRIEND IS NAMED **STARSCREAM**.

HE MATCHES YOUR DESCRIPTION.



SEE, DUKE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK HOUND UP LIKE HE'S OUR ENEMY. HE WANTS TO HELP US.

YOU'RE LUCKY YOU'RE NOT IN THERE WITH HIM.

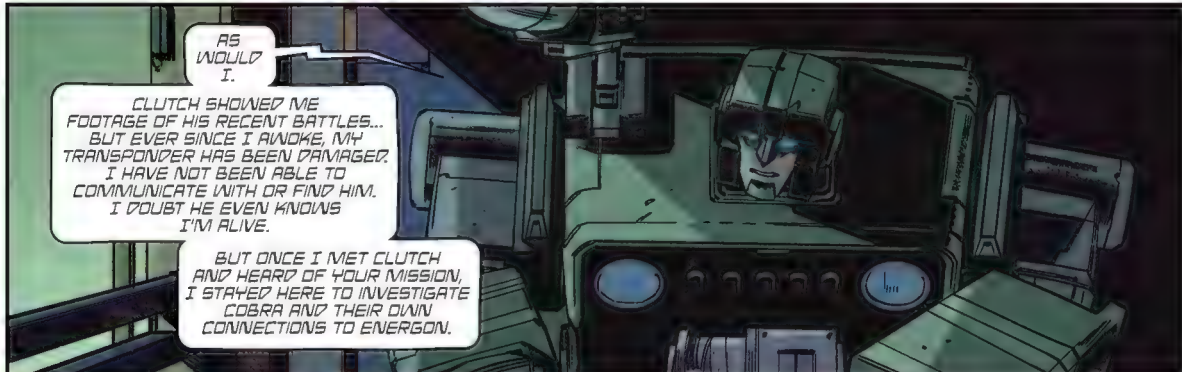
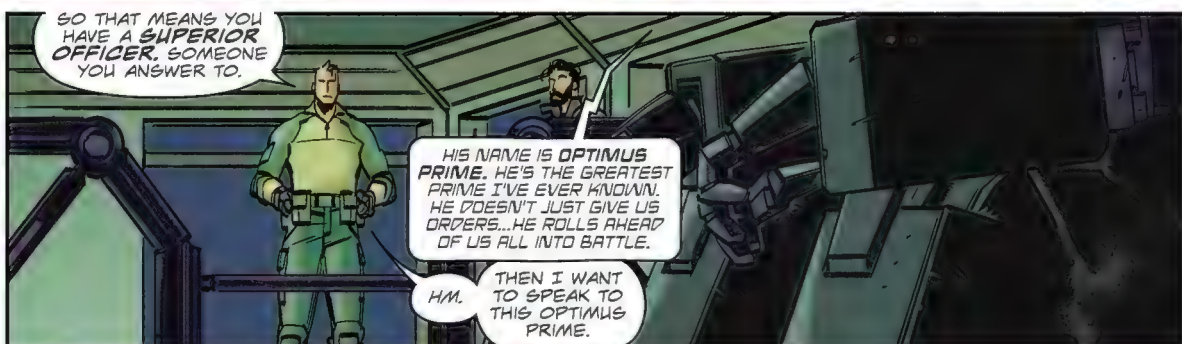
HOW CAN I TRUST THAT YOUR SIDEKICK HERE IS NOT WORKING WITH THIS **STARSCREAM** AND IS JUST TELLING US WHAT WE WANT TO HEAR?



NO AUTOBOT WOULD EVER COVER FOR THE ACTIONS OF A DECEPTICON.

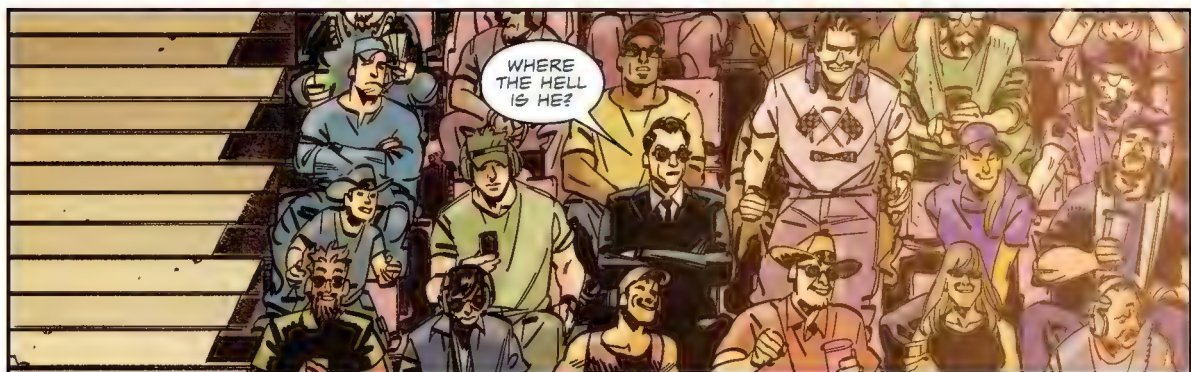
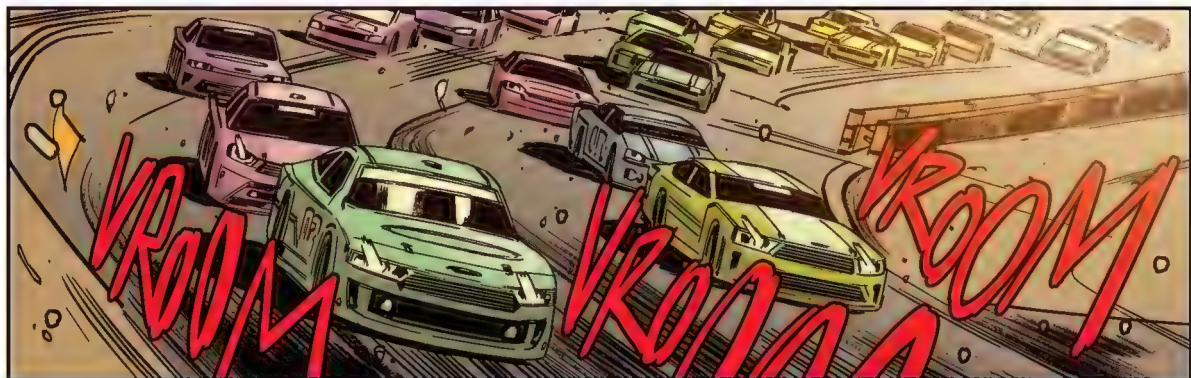
ESPECIALLY **STARSCREAM**. HE IS DEVIOUS AND VIOLENT. ONE OF THE MOST UNDERHANDED ON ALL OF CYBERTRON.

THE AUTOBOTS AND DECEPTICONS HAVE BEEN AT WAR FOR MANY YEARS, AND **STARSCREAM** IS ONE OF THE WORST. HE'S HUNTED MY KIND ACROSS SPACE.

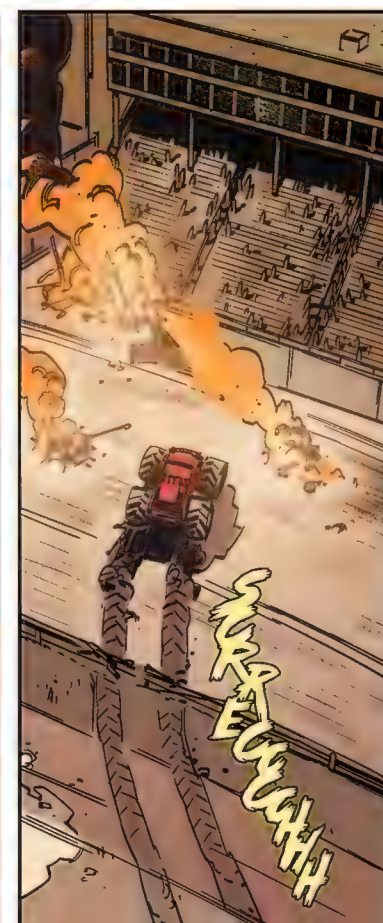




"...UNLESS HE
WANTS TO BE
FOUND."







SCRAP
IRON?

LONG
TIME,
BUDDY.

MAYHEM
SAYS HI.



STRAIGHT SHOOTERS

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Scrap-Iron driving a monster truck with rockets--what could be cooler?! Welcome back to our 19th edition of this letter column, we always appreciate folks taking time and writing in. I'm your editor and co-host, Ben Abernathy, and I'm joined as always by the master of disaster, Joshua Williamson!

THE HUNT FOR ENERGEN BEGINS! *These next two issues build out our bigger Energon Universe plans as we connect to the events of TRANSFORMERS, but also helps set the stage for the next big G.I. JOE storyline. I'm really excited for you to see what we're building. Pay close attention to the missions Zartan...I mean, Hawk sends the team on.*

But first...yeah I'm very excited to bring Scrap-Iron back into the mix. I love that guy!

Let's dig into these letters!

Yo Joes!

Just finished issue #15 of G.I. Joe, Part 3 of the Dreadnok War! What an excellent issue! Loving Duke's drive and character! Cobra Commander is the villainous diabolical leader I imagined him as. Let's talk Dreadnoks! Holy smokes their nuts, unpredictable and mad! I closed this issue feeling pumped and energetic! I almost broke a hip getting out of the chair! (I'm an older fan). The Energon Universe is shaping up to be an exciting read every month! The G.I. Joe creative team deserves all the accolades! Great issue! Exciting art and colors! Well done. Phew! This was fun!

Yo Joe!

Stache Biggins

Thanks for reading, Stache, and I'm sorry (not sorry!) our issue was that exciting for you haha.

Take care of yourself! Don't get hurt! But thank you for the kind words. That is exactly the kind of reaction we wanted from that issue. Except for you almost breaking a hip!

Joshua, Tom, Jordie,

G.I. Joe issue 15 continues the

streak of sheer awesomeness since this title first launched. Heck, even further back with the stellar mini-series which was a killer way to slow burn to this title. Dreadnok War has really delivered and while I was going to wait until it ended to write, but after part 3, I had to put pen to paper!

These stakes are high and I love that the Dreadnok's along with Cobra Commander are legitimate threats. What I love most about Tom's art are the facial expressions and the insane range of emotions he produces. Oh, and kudos to him for going the extra mile and drawing Duke's reflection in the blood on the cover.

Thank you for that. That was a major goal of ours from the start. To take all these characters and make them DANGEROUS. And we're just getting started! And we really want to reward the long-time readers, so expect more plots that build over time across the series.

This brings me to Jordie's coloring...is there anything that isn't made better from her uncanny eye for color?! These main covers have an almost "connecting" feel a that blue sky to sand contrast just sings. Excellent job by Tom and Jordie landing hard on the horror feel when needed.

By the time this issue comes out, you'll have seen her work on #17 which is my favorite issue Jordie has colored.

Last is the always on point Joshua pulling a long thread from way back in the Duke and Cobra Commander minis. The writing is such that you can start at part 3 of the Dreadnok War BUT the constant payoffs for us from the beginning is chef's kiss.

One of biggest goals for the series is to always make it accessible. But yeah...like I said before...we'll reward the long-term readers in big ways.

My first Joe was Flash in '82 at age 9, prime time audience for them. He had the best accessories and what kid didn't want a toy that had a laser rifle?! I love the first few years of Joe/Cobra releases as it struck that perfect balance of extraordinary but still grounded enough to not be silly. Each issue of GI Joe reminds me of all those times playing with the figures and bad ass vehicles (weren't they the best!!) Thanks for bringing an incredibly fun time from

my childhood to the next level as it's clear you all have the same fondness and a passion for excellence.

Yo Joe!!
Shawn Mallory

Thank you for reading, writing, and your enthusiasm, Shawn, it's passion from fans like you that make it all worthwhile!

Thanks, Shawn! And yeah, the vehicles were my favorite part of the toys when I was a kid. And the variety of figures. So damn cool! I need to get more of the vehicles in the book.

Hello Joes!

I'm a huge fan of everything you've been doing with the Energon Universe! I was born in 2002, but my dad was a huge fan of the 80s cartoon so I grew up watching it over and over. Every character is perfect!! The coloring in the scene with Duke and Cobra Commander tied up was insane, I hope you guys do more unique lighting and set pieces like that in the future!! Cobra Commander seems begrudgingly cool with Duke, I wonder how this will affect their dynamic in future issues.

You'll see! We have a very long-term plan for the two of them that will take many twists and turns!

Super excited to see what you guys continue to do with Baroness, as well. She's always been my favorite. I wonder, given the circumstances, would she swap sides before the fight is over? I really like the characterization of Joe Baroness, but I can't help but wonder if she feels like a bird in a cage with the Joes. Road Pig was awesome, and I'm super excited to see how the Dreadnok War continues! The reveal of Mom took me out. Please keep doing the amazing work you've all been doing!! This is how I'm getting all my friends into the G.I. Joe extended universe. :D

August

Thank you for the letter, August. Good question on Baroness and like I'm always saying...keep reading!

I also love me some Road Pig. He'll be around for a bit. It's going to be really fun with him and the Dreadnoks in the future.

Thank you for writing in but also for getting your friends into the series. That's awesome!

Hello, love the series. Had the toys in the 80s and will always love the cartoon and characters.

I wanted to share that last nightread issues 13 & 14 (15 will be today) and issue 14's jeep chase with Duke and Cobra Commander directly inspired a dream I had after going to bed. I do not have dreams like that all the time and never about a comic book I read (and I've read a lot over the decades).

I also have dreams of G.I. Joe, so welcome to the club!

All I can say is that the two pages with Duke on the left and C.C. on the right (fighting at the same time) must have impressed me more than I realized. Great work and I hope the team hears about.

I wrote that scene, and it was already a lot, but then Tom said, "Hold my beer," and turned it up to 11!

Also, dug seeing Road Pig in "disguise" and looking forward to reading the next chapter!

Go Joe!
Chris Wyman

Wow, I'm not sure there's a higher compliment than the scene was so good it inspired a dream! Thanks, Chris!

Haha yeah, that mask was inspired by the Classified toy. When we saw it for the first time we knew we needed it from the start.

And that's a wrap! See you next month when one of the biggest events in the E.U. finally happens...Duke meets Optimus Prime!

-Ben

Yup. Next issue is a big moment for the Energon Universe. Will Duke and Optimus Prime be allies or enemies? And we get some awesome action at the same time.

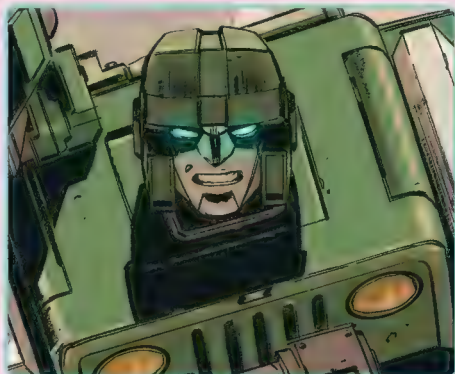
As always thank you for reading and writing to us. We always love to hear from you!

-Joshua

Screen Writers David Plotz and Scrap-Iron in a monster truck! This issue has just about everything, and the best! I think the final ingredient is coming with EOD—maybe you've seen the movie? It features some bot called...OPTIMUS PRIME?! We are heating things UP in G.I. JOE this year!

Bow!

Ben Abernathy, Executive Editor



CHARACTER SPOTLIGHT

WHO: Hound

WHERE: A brave Autobot warrior and scout.

WHAT: Hound awoke on Earth alone, low on Energon, and with a damaged communicator. Befriending Clutch of G. I. Joe, Hound has continued in his role as a scout on this new world, recording his findings to share with his leader, Optimus Prime, once they're reunited.

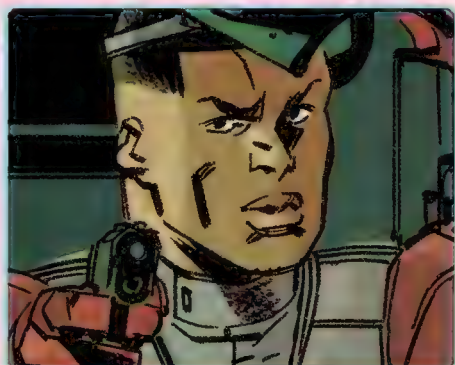
ONE TRAKK MIND!

Matt Trakker has been keeping a low profile since last year's **ENERGON UNIVERSE SPECIAL**, and it's been a treat to find out where he went after the fateful meeting with Hound and Clutch. Now that Miles Mayhem has escaped military custody, however, he's dialed up an old friend to look for Matt...enter Scrap-Iron!

CREATOR SPOTLIGHT

Q: Andrea Milana, with the master of disguise himself, Zartan, now having revealed himself... the question I have to ask is...if you could disguise yourself as anyone in the Energon Universe, who would it be and why?

A: Good question, hahaha! I think I'd like to play Beach Head. He has a cool character design, and it would be really interesting to experience one of his silent missions in the shadows.



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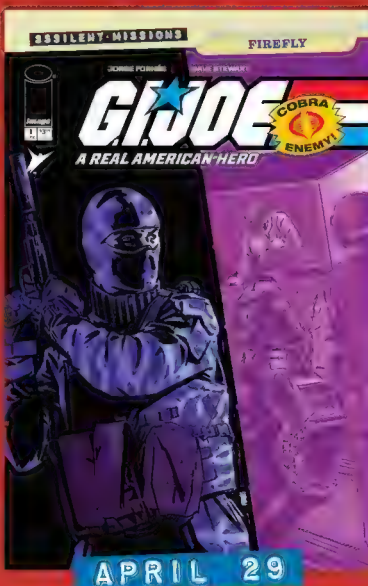
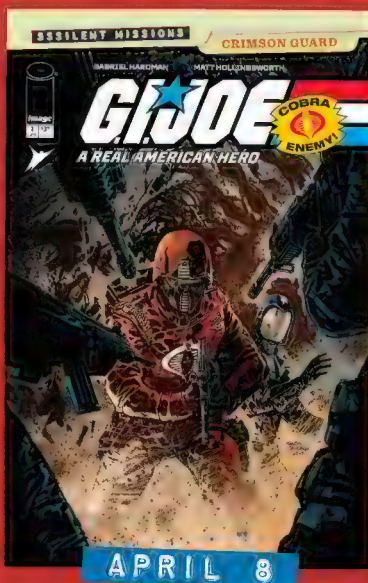
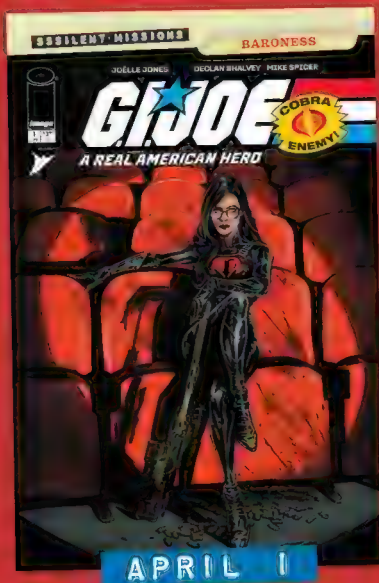
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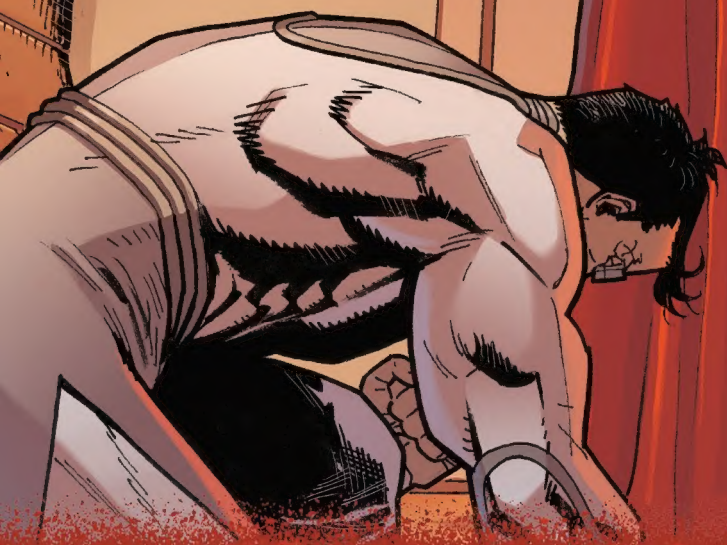
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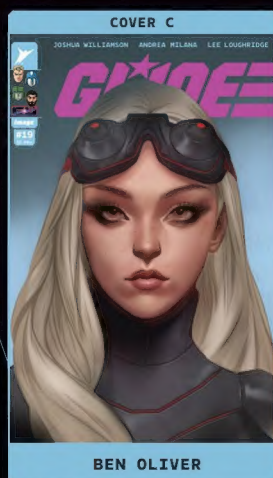
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